Gas-Particle Interactions Working Group Summary

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Our Purview...

<u>Process-oriented</u> field measurements and modeling of aerosol size, composition, and mixing-state evolution, with a focus on

carbonaceous aerosols and their precursors

Major Uncertainties in Aerosol Processes...

- Particle size distribution, composition, density, hygroscopicity, and optical properties of different types of primary and secondary carbonaceous aerosols
 - Gasoline, diesel, cooking, biomass burning POA
 - Anthropogenic, biogenic, and marine SOA
- Evolution of aerosol mixing state via coagulation and condensation, and their effects on optical properties
- Gas-particle partitioning of organic species
 - Inorganic-organic thermodynamics
- Heterogeneous chemistry
 - SOA formation
 - Nighttime N₂O₅ and NO₃

Partial Summary of Current Status...

Gas and Aerosol Instruments

- Particle size and composition measurement capabilities
 - AMS (size-resolved and single particle)
 - SPLAT (single particle)
 - SP2 (size-resolved and single particle)
 - Microprobe and microscopy techniques (single particle)
 - FIMS (aerosol size distribution @ 1 s)
- Gas-phase organics measurement capabilities
 - PTRMS
 - Canister
 - Currently missing SVOC measurement capability within ASP

Partial Summary of Current Status...

Aerosol Box Models

- Online aerosol thermodynamics model AIM2
- NCAR Master Chemical Mechanism (MCM)
- Model for Simulating Aerosol Chemistry and Interactions (MOSAIC) – also implemented in 3-D WRF-chem
- Particle-resolved version of MOSAIC, coupled with shellcore optics module

Path Forward...

Process Model Development

- Contribute to the design, development, and evaluation of various ASP-supported aerosol process modules:
 - Inorganic-organic thermodynamics module (Extended-AIM2)
 - Offline SOA module based on MCM + Extended AIM2
 - MOSAIC with SOA (based on MCM + Extended-AIM2)
 - MOSAIC with other available SOA modules (e.g., Rob Griffin's SOA)
- Collaborate with Organic Aerosol Formation WG in the use of laboratory measurements to develop and evaluate thermodynamics and SOA formation modules
- Collaborate with the Optical Properties WG in the use of laboratory and field measurements of absorption and scattering to conduct local closure experiments

Path Forward...

Process-Oriented Field Measurements

- Contribute to the design and execution of the anticipated clear-air ASP field campaign focused on carbonaceous aerosol evolution
- Consult/involve Tami Bond to develop a size- and composition-resolved emissions inventory
- Develop a coherent aircraft and ground sampling strategy suitable for directly observing time evolution of primary and secondary aerosols
- In addition to the standard 3-D model evaluation of field measurements, conduct detailed box-model analysis of high-resolution gas and particle measurements to gain new and unique insights into aerosol formation and evolution.

Evaluation of Process Modules in 3-D Models...

- Collaborate with the Modeling WG to implement reduced and computationally-efficient versions of detailed aerosol chemistry process modules in 3-D regional and global models. Collaborate with 3-D modelers in the evaluation and interpretation of clear-air field measurements using the new aerosol process modules
- Collaborate with Cloud-Aerosol Interactions WG to implement new aerosol chemistry modules in CCN activation codes and couple them with cloud-chemistry modules. Collaborate with cloud modelers in the evaluation and interpretation of field measurements using the new aerosol process modules.

Products and Deliverables...

- GPI WG website describing our plans, progress, accomplishments, peer-reviewed publications, and links to various aerosol modules and data products
- Self-documented, publicly accessible detailed aerosol chemistry modules
- Computationally efficient aerosol chemistry modules suitable for use in 3-D regional and global models
- Intercomparison of similar aerosol modules in a box-model framework, with benchmarking where possible
- Peer-reviewed publications